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QUAY COUNTY DEVELOPING RAPIDLY

Crops and Orchards Show Very Good Progress.

SHEEP INDUSTRY ATTRACTIVE

Many Settlers Filing on Land or Purchasing Patented Claims.

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M. C. Mechem, district attorney for Quay and Guadalupe Counties, and M. B. Goldenberg, of the M. B. Goldenberg Company, Tucumcari, a successful sheep raiser and one of the most progressive citizens of eastern New Mexico, were among the many who came to the Capital City to attend the inaugural ceremonies. They remained until today and left at noon, via the Santa Fe Central for their homes.

Mr. Goldenberg has been a resident of Tucumcari and vicinity for over twenty years and is one of the prominent pioneers of that section. When seen by a New Mexican reporter at the Claire last night, he said:

"Well, I'm pretty enthusiastic over the prospects of Tucumcari and vicinity. I was that way when I came there a good many years ago, and I haven't changed yet. Neither do I contemplate changing, because things are steadily improving over our way. About 1,000 new settlers have arrived in Quay County and taken up homesteads there in the past three months. They came principally from Kansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas, where they disposed of their lands at good prices.

"By making homestead entries upon the public domain they retained plenty of funds to install improvements, and as a result nothing but success can follow. Many of them not caring to go through the technicalities of filing claims, proving up, and so forth, bought patented lands. The majority, however, prefer to take advantage of the homestead laws.

"Satisfactory crops have been raised in Quay County during the past year. Milo maize, Kaffir corn, Mexican beans and millet are among the principal crops, although wheat, barley, vegetables and garden truck are yearly produced. Some Indian corn averaged thirty bushels to the acre without irrigation last season.

"The fruit industry is comparatively a recent thing in Quay County. Several orchards have been started and are doing fine.

H. M. Smith has an orchard within the townsite limits of Tucumcari which is a point of interest to all our visitors. The orchard is really a credit to a country far more developed than New Mexico. It has had the effect of encouraging other farmers to put out trees in large numbers. They will be returning revenue in a short time.

"I have been having a rush in the real estate business, and within the past few weeks I have sold a large number of lots in the original townsite of Tucumcari to El Pasoans who are coming there in numbers.

"This has been brought about to some extent by the building of the El Paso & Northeastern Railroad to Tucumcari which now makes this town the end of the Rock Island system and a division point of the El Paso & Northeastern. I have information that the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad will be extended to Tucumcari, the grade work for the project being almost finished at present. It will be completed, I understand, this spring, thus giving Tucumcari the nearest and straightest route to Memphis, Tennessee.

"The sheep business never looked more promising than at the present time in Quay County. By lambing season we will have plenty of water and green grass everywhere, and all sheep men know the meaning of such conditions. One thing I noticed with pleasure is the fact that a large number of fine rams have been brought into the country recently. Not enough attention has heretofore been paid to this feature of sheep raising.

"New Mexico sheep for a number of years have been undersized but this defect is rapidly being remedied. Several sheep raisers have brought their herds up to the standard or better, and the effect has been cropping out everywhere of late. Rams for use on the range should not weigh less than 150 or 200 pounds, and should shear 25 pounds of wool. Not the short greasy sort either, but the long fibered wool, of the Rambouillet type.

"And by the way, Tucumcari has one of the finest wool scouring mills in the Territory. It scoured 1,500,000 pounds of wool last year. The work done by the company surpasses any similar work in New Mexico. One thing that aids greatly is the supply of fine water used at the mill.

"Our wool brought an average price last year of 19 cents a pound and our spring lambs averaged \$2.15 each. The sheep in general

NEW MEXICO'S STOCK INDUSTRY

Our Cattle, Sheep and Horse Interests Flourishing.

EXPORT LARGE THIS YEAR

From an article published in the Albuquerque Citizen a short time ago on the subject of our resources in horses, sheep and cattle, we

are in mighty good condition and prices ought to be even better this coming season. We have not had any of the severe snow storms that did so much damage in Lincoln and Tarrant Counties, as I see by the press reports. Other live stock is holding its own. Cattle are advancing in price. Yearling steers are being contracted for at \$12 to \$15 a head, while two year old steers are quoted at \$16 to \$19 a head according to quality.

"I can truthfully pay a compliment to the people of Tucumcari and Quay County in general. While a good many crimes were committed during the building of the El Paso & Southeastern and for a short time afterwards, such conditions have now been eliminated. Judge Edward A. Mann is a representative of our community in his firm and able administration of justice. He deserves a vote of thanks from every law abiding person in our country for the way in which he conducts his court. He has made himself a terror to the lawless and a monument of fair dealing to all. I know that he is generally esteemed for his courtesy and the impartial manner in which he interprets the law. While we have such a man on the bench, there is little to fear from bad characters. In the language of the day, 'Judge Mann is alright.'

"The interests of Tucumcari are being ably looked after by a commercial club composed of all those interested in the community's welfare. Much work has been done in advertising our country by this club, and business propositions are looked after in good shape. The individual interests even, are not neglected, and this club stands for the best that is in our community. Well, maybe I've said more than proper about Quay County, but it's all to be found there. Here is one little statement that the weather bureau will verify, and then I am done. The average rainfall for Quay County from March 1 to November 1 last year, was 22 inches. How is that for the farmer? Now I'll quit."

naturally enough arrive at the conclusion the sheep ranges of New Mexico, are the ideal of all the sheep owners, and the finest in United States. The past season has been one of the most profitable to the industry for a good many years. A million lambs and sheep were shipped out of the territory during 1905, the values of which were 4 1/2 cents to 5 cents per pound. The average lamb shipped out weighed from 50 to 75 pounds, and brought in the eastern markets \$2.50 to \$3.75 each, some of the choice lots selling for a higher figure. Wethers commanded from \$3.50 to \$4.50 each, and some shipments higher. The wool clip was much above the average and the grade was good. The amount of sales was more than 22,000,000 pounds, 20,000,000 pounds of it being from the spring clip. The prices throughout the season averaged 20 to 22 cents per pound, and the total amounted to nearly \$5,000,000 worth sold.

The cattle business is a close second to the sheep industry. The following tabulated statement from the territorial cattle sanitary board shows the increase in cattle, horses and hides shipped out during 1905:

	For 1905.	For 1904
203,150	Cattle	166,273
15,398	Horses	14,967
39,835	Hides	38,865

The banner year for the shipment of cattle, horses and hides, was 1903, 220,866 cattle, 13,499 horses and 20,221 hides were shipped out. The export of horses has been increasing for twenty years, the 1905 record being the highest attained by territorial breeders.

The total number of cattle in the territory is estimated by the cattle sanitary board to be 900,000. The year 1905 showed the calf crop to be short, probably averaging not more than 50 per cent. The territory was pretty well stripped of steers last year, there being few 3's and upwards left at the end of last fall's shipments. The number of 2-year-olds is limited, also, and the steers for 1906 will be mostly yearlings. Something over 6,000 brands were recorded during 1905, which shows the number of herds to be on the increase, although many of the applications were due to the new law making it a penal offense to run a brand without first having it recorded, but the fact remains that a large number of applicants are new residents asking for new brands.

The McIntire Brothers of Santa Rosa, shipped a car load of burros to South Carolina last week.